
Have You Heard the News?

Commonwealth GIS Day ***Local and State Government GIS Product Demonstrations***

Wednesday, February 18, 2004
9:00 am to 4:30 pm
8th floor West Conference Room
General Assembly Building, Richmond VA

Each February the Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN) Division of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) hosts "GIS Day" in the General Assembly Building. Commonwealth GIS Day's goal is to focus attention on how state and local governments are improving constituent services and providing exciting new and innovative products with geographic information systems (GIS). GIS Day 2004 will feature live demonstrations including:

- Wireless E911 – Martinsville – Henry County 9-1-1 Center
- Browser Based Building Permit Tracking – Fairfax County
- Browser Based Constituent Services – Rockingham County
- Forest Resource Information Mapper (ForestRIM) – Dept. of Forestry (DOF)
- Virginia Readiness, Response and Recovery (VR3) – VGIN
- Miss Utility - Virginia Utility Protection Service
- VirginiaScan – Economic Development Partnership (VEDP)
- GIS in Education – Department of Education (DOE)

At this year's opening VITA/VGIN will also announce the completion of the acquisition phase of the Virginia Base Mapping Program's statewide Road Centerline project. Over the last year, leveraging the VBMP digital imagery and funding support from the Virginia E-911 Wireless Services Board and in collaboration with local governments across the Commonwealth, VGIN has built an unprecedented statewide digital road centerline file. A statewide digital roads file will provide E-911 dispatchers, local governments, and state and federal agencies a seamless digital roads file for routing emergency and services vehicles and supporting untold geospatial applications.

Please join Governor Mark Warner, VGIN's Legislative Board members, Senator John Watkins, Senator Mary Margaret Whipple, Delegate Sam Nixon, and Delegate Beverly Sherwood, Secretary of Technology George Newstrom, and Virginia Chief Information Officer Lemuel Stewart at the opening of Commonwealth GIS Day 2004, February 18th, at 9:00 a.m., in the 8th floor West conference room, Virginia General Assembly Building.

GIS Day is sponsored by the Secretary of Technology, VITA's Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN), the VGIN Advisory Board, and local governments and state agencies across the Commonwealth. For more information please contact Bill Shinar bill.shinar@vgin.virginia.gov or Bob Rike bob.rike@vgin.virginia.gov

The creation of VITA by the 2003 General Assembly is intended to yield significant savings for the Commonwealth, and increased efficiencies and service improvements to the state's technology infrastructure.

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